

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

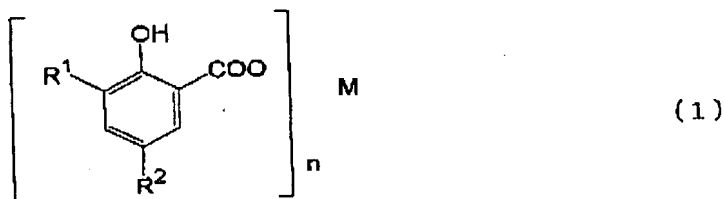
SEP 20 2007

Application Serial No. 10/538,426  
Reply to Office Action of July 2, 2007PATENT  
Docket: CU-4247Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (original) A lubricating oil additive obtained by incorporating, into a lubricant base oil, (A) a salicylate detergent and (B) a metal detergent other than any salicylate detergent, wherein the salicylate detergent (A) is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate represented by the general formula (1) and/or a (per) basic salt thereof:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may be the same or different and each represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, the hydrocarbon group may contain oxygen or nitrogen. M represents an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, and n is 1 or 2 in accordance with the valence of the metal.

2. (original) The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> in the general formula (1) is a hydrocarbon which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms; and the other is a hydrocarbon which has less than 10 carbon atoms (and may have oxygen or nitrogen).
3. (original) The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> in the general formula (1) are each a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 40 carbon atoms.
4. (currently amended) The lubricating oil additive according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 [[to 3]], wherein the component (A), has a metal ratio of 1.1 or more.

Application Serial No. 10/538,426  
Reply to Office Action of July 2, 2007

PATENT  
Docket: CU-4247

5. (currently amended) The lubricating oil additive according to ~~any one of claims claim 1~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 4]]~~, wherein the metal detergent (B) other than any salicylate detergent is at least one selected from alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonates and (per) basic salts thereof.
6. (currently amended) The lubricating oil additive according to ~~any one of claims claim 1~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 5]]~~, which further comprises at least one selected from (C) an anti-wear agent, (D) an ashless dispersing agent, and (E) an antioxidant.
7. (currently amended) A lubricating oil composition, into which the lubricating oil additive according to ~~any one of claims claim 1~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 6]]~~ is incorporated.
8. (currently amended) A method for improving the storage stability of a lubricating oil composition comprising a step of preparing a lubricant oil composition by incorporating, into a lubricating base oil, the lubricating oil additive described in the claim 1 salicylate detergent and another metal detergent, wherein the lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 6 is used.
9. (new) The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  in the general formula (1) is a hydrocarbon which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms, and the other is a hydrocarbon which has less than 5 carbon atoms (and may have oxygen or nitrogen).
10. (new) A lubricating oil composition, into which the lubricating oil additive described in claim 6 is incorporated.
11. (new) A method for improving the storage stability of a lubricating oil composition comprising a step of preparing a lubricant oil composition by incorporating, into a lubricating base oil, the lubricating oil additive described in the claim 6.